

# Assignment TV

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It is time once again for the Aspirin Awards, the least coveted honors of the year, which single out those uneasy moments when television and its people were at their worst. They are based on the theory that when you are bad on television, you are truly terrible.

**Mr. Congeniality**: Trophy: Mayor Daley of Chicago.

**The Most Revolting Performers (Amateur)**: Those nonpros who deliver paid testimonials on their perspiration problems for roll-on deodorant commercials. Runners-up: those who tell about their false teeth slippage in the denture adhesive commercials.

**Most Amateurish Performance By A Professional**: Dick Van Dyke on the Television Academy Awards — even if he did lose his cue-cards.

**Most Tragic Irony**: The lung cancer death of Bea Benaderet whose sponsors on "Petticoat Junction" were the Reynolds and American Tobacco Co.'s.

**Greatest Display of Ego**: Johnny Carson when he sued a ladies' barber in the Midwest for capitalizing on his name. The sign outside his barber shop said: "Johnny Carson's Hair Styling." That was the guy's name.

**Most Unrelating In Picturing The Police As Dummies**: "The Name of The Game" and "Mod Squad."

**Most Amateurish Script**: Ron Cowen's "Saturday Adoption" ("CBS Playhouse") based on the problems which arise when an idealistic white teacher tutors a black boy on weekends.

**Most Heavily Clouded Reasoning (Commercials)**: The United States Department of Justice's plug which begins, "Don't help a good boy go bad — lock your car."

**Most Heavily Clouded Reasoning (Entertainment)**: NBC, CBS, and ABC for showing their best programs after 10 p.m., making TV the only industry on earth which hides its most distinguished efforts in a place

where they can be seen by the fewest number of people.

**Most Heavily Clouded Reasoning (Political)**: Congressmen who object to the presence of a TV camera at hearings when they tolerate the continuous distractions of a swarm of still photographers snapping and writhing on all sides.

**The Most Depressing Attitude**: That of all TV news departments whose executives seem convinced that the only news is BAD news. (Surely the student who wins a scholarship against great odds is just as newsworthy as one who is arrested. The successful solution to a racial problem is as worthy of a headline as a riot.)

**Most Narcissistic Actress**: Brigitte Bardot in her French-made TV special.

**Greatest Audience Insult**: Frank Sinatra's sneering, downright dirty emceeing of the Emmy Awards.

**Most Insulting Interview**: French wine expert Lichine questioned by Steve Allen on the latter's variety show. An outstanding example of a knowledgeable, courteous guest being ridiculed by a jackass-at-the-mike.

**Model-T Freud**: the supercilious lady psychiatrist on "The American Alcoholic" whose treatment seemed less to be desired by the patients than the DTs.

**The Hand Over Mouth Trophy** goes to the TV newsmen at both political conventions who insisted on yakking in the foreground while something far more interesting was happening behind them. They all did it at one time or more.

**Most Successful Sabotage By Scissors**: Barbra Streisand's hairdresser on the Oscar Awards.

**Most Aggravating Continuing Performance By Amateurs**: the people in the studio audiences who giggle and nudge each other when they discover they're on camera.



**HEART-STOPPER** . . . Dennis Robbins (left) copies down information as Thomas Petralas asks official questions of Gina Haldane (center) in a scene from the Long Beach Community Players' next production, "Wait Until Dark," a drama by Frederick Knott. The suspense-drama, directed by James Brittain, will be presented at the Community Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:30 p.m. for six weeks beginning tonight.

## Computer Programming To Be Taught Locally

UCLA Extension has scheduled a winter course in "Computer Programming" in this area Monday evenings, Jan. 6 through March 24, 6:45 to 9:45 p.m., in room 312, North High School.

Conducted by Raghubir N. Mathur, senior system analyst, System Development Corp., the lecture course will focus on principle of programming languages and systems. Participants in the 12-week class will design programs, draw flowcharts, and write and debug

## New Year Brings Hike In Social Security Tax

Starting with the first pay checks they receive in the New Year, the Nation's working people will pay 4.8 per cent of their earnings toward their social security protection, an increase of .04 of 1 per cent over the contribution rate in effect since the beginning of 1967.

Social security contributions are still payable on only the first \$7,800 of annual earnings, Miles A. Davis, social security district manager, said today. For a person earning \$7,800 or more a year (\$150 a week or more), the increase will amount to 60 cents a week; a worker earning \$100 a week will pay 40 cents a week more.

retirement protection, Davis stated. **IN ADDITION**, he said, they have survivors and stability insurance under social security that may mean as much as \$75,000 to \$100,000 in payments to an individual family, should the worker die or become disabled for work before retirement. Unlike the usual private insurance contract which promises a fixed amount of money in return for a specified premium, the value of social security protection grows as the economy grows.

A look at the schedule of benefits and contributions in today's

## Civic Calendar

Following are meetings of the City Council and other city advisory groups scheduled during January.

**MONDAY, JAN. 6**—Civil Defense and Disaster Commission, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 7**—City Council, 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8**—Park and Recreation Commission, 8 p.m., Council Chambers.

Library Commission, 7:30 p.m., North Torrance Library, 3604 W. Artesia Blvd.

## Self-Defense for Women To Be Taught at Plunge

Aikido, the art of self defense, will be offered to all interested women beginning Monday, at the city plunge from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Taught by Rod Kobayashi, the class covers the basic art of self-defense, including mental and physical exercises and balance control. The course will also concentrate on the specific self

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## TRAIN Group To Show Film

The South Bay and Harbor TRAIN (To Reunite American Independence Now) Committees will present a free showing of the film "United Nations — Peace Dove Unmasked" tonight. A discussion period will follow the 30-minute film, to be shown at 8 p.m. at the American Opinion Library, 1532 W. Carson St.

## 'Information Management' Introductory Class Slated

Donald R. Satuloff, TRW Systems Group, will conduct a UCLA Extension winter course in "Introduction to Information Management" Wednesday evenings beginning next week, 6:45 to 9:45 p.m., in room 323, North High School.

The LABORATORY sections of the course, also meeting only at the Westwood campus and the downtown location, include experience with the manipulation and debugging of programs through an on-line, computer time-sharing terminal. Lectures and laboratory sections of both courses must be enrolled in during the same quarter. Further information may be had by phoning UCLA Extension.

**EMANUEL HAYES**, senior computer system specialist, System Development Corporation, will instruct a lecture course in "Introduction to Information Processing and Computer Programming" meeting the same night and hours in the high school's room 311. Lectures will cover such topics as terminology, theory and techniques, processing equipment, input, processing and output, procedural logic, data formatting, computer memories and storage.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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## UCLA Plans Courses at North High

Robert D. Ryan, executive assistant, McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft Company, will conduct a UCLA Extension winter course in "Business Finance" scheduled to meet 12 Thursday evenings beginning Jan. 9, 7 to 10 p.m., in room 325 North High School. Course study will focus on the forms and sources of financing business firms, financial planning, and the decision making process. The social, legal and economic effects of financial problems will be examined. Fee and enrollment information is available by telephoning UCLA.

## Apartment Complex Will Rise

Western Mortgage Corp. has placed \$600,000 in permanent financing on a Torrance apartment complex with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., according to John Bersinger, vice president, Los Angeles Head Office of Western Mortgage. John E. Donnelly, et al, are the owners of the 76-unit development, at 3107 Newton St., consisting of four detached structures. Two are two-story buildings; two are three-story. The units are spacious and recreation facilities include a large heated pool, a circular two-level recreation building with fireplace and restrooms, a golf putting green, barbecue area, handball court, and large patio areas.

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Superior Court of the State of California, for the County of Los Angeles.  
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Notice is hereby given to creditors having claims against the said decedent to file said claims in the office of the clerk of the aforesaid court or to present them to the undersigned at the office of Hitchcock & Bowman, 21515 Hawthorne Boulevard, Suite 1030, in the City of Torrance, in the aforesaid County, which latter office is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to said estate. Such claims with the necessary vouchers must be filed or presented as aforesaid within four months after the first publication of this notice.  
Dated December 11, 1968  
**PAUL E. PARKER**  
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